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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/654)*]

61/238. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

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Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004 and 60/258 of 8 May 2006,

Having considered the report of the Unit on its activities for 2005 and its programme of work for 2006,[1]

Noting the ongoing internal reform process of the Unit aimed at further improving its effectiveness,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 and its programme of work for 2006;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the ongoing efforts made by the Unit to improve the implementation of its reform process, as indicated in paragraphs 1 to 6 of its report;

3. *Reaffirms* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 60/258, and requests the Unit to continue to submit an advance version of its programme of work to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sessions;

4. *Welcomes* the increasing focus of the programme of work of the Unit on issues of system-wide relevance, and urges the Unit, as the only system-wide external oversight body, to continue to focus its work and reports, whenever possible, on issues of system-wide interest, value and relevance to the efficient and effective functioning of all organizations to which the Unit provides services;

5. *Encourages* the Unit to increase its efforts to help to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the respective secretariats in achieving the legislative mandates and to ensure that the mission objectives established for the organizations

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/61/34).

are carried out in the most economical manner and that optimum use is made of resources available for carrying out those activities;

6. *Welcomes* the information presented in paragraphs 27 to 30 of the report of the Unit, bearing in mind that the methodology is still at the early stage of implementation, and requests that future reports, to the extent possible, also include information on estimated savings, actual savings achieved, acceptance rate of recommendations and implementation status by impact category, particularly regarding system-wide or multi-agency recommendations;

7. *Looks forward* to receiving an analysis of the eight categories of impact as described in paragraphs 29 to 31 of the report, as applied to the actual impact of its recommendations;

8. *Notes* the ongoing efforts of the Unit to improve its working methods, and invites the Unit to undergo external peer reviews as necessary;

II

Having considered the note by the President of the General Assembly on the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit,[2]

Bearing in mind paragraphs 8 and 9 of General Assembly resolution 59/267 and article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Unit,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the note by the President of the General Assembly on the procedures for the appointment of inspectors of the Joint Inspection Unit;[2]

2. *Confirms* the existing procedure for the appointment of the inspectors in accordance with article 3 of the statute of the Unit;[3]

3. *Decides* that, beginning on 1 January 2008, the President of the General Assembly, when drawing up a list of countries that will be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Unit, will invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted are the candidates that the respective Member States intend to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute;

4. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to submit to the Assembly, for consideration at its sixty-fourth session, a report on the effective application of the above-mentioned selection procedures in enhancing efficiency in implementing article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

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[2] A/60/659.

[3] Resolution 31/192, annex.